

# ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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## EASTER SUNDAY (B) 31ST MARCH 2024

### HOLY MASS IN EASTER WEEK

Tues	7.00 pm at St Anthony's	Sat	9.30 am at Anthony's
Wed	09.30 am at St Mark's		5 pm Vigil at St Mark's
Thu	09.30 am at St Anthony's	Sun	10.00 am at St Mark's
Fri	9.30 am at St Mark's	Sun	11.30 am at St Anthony's
		Sun	5.00 pm at St Anthony's

### SUNDAY READINGS (Easter morning)

Reading	Acts 10:34,37-43	'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'
Psalm	Psalm 117	This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.
Reading	1 Corinthians 5:6-8	Get rid of the old yeast and make yourselves unleavened as you were meant to be
Gospel	John 20:1-9	He must rise from the dead

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who died recently, especially:** Nicol Volosin (family funeral will be held this week in Creiff); Allan MacLeod; Jacqueline Brennan; Mary Gemmell; Gerard Healy; Anne Czarnecki; Willie McLean; Pat Barrett; Margaret McGrath

**Anniversaries:** Jean Meanen

**All sick and housebound of the Parish:** Pauline Mahon; Mary McColgan; Ella Connolly, Isa Daniels, Finn McGuinness, Baby Hope McKenna, May O'Donnell, Margaret Rice; Annie O'Donnell.; Sandra Morgan.

**MARGARET MCGRATH RIP.** We're devastated to announce that our parish secretary has died in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. She has been faithfully producing this bulletin over the past years, as well as undertaking countless tasks to keep the parish running, all on a voluntary basis. She brought a high degree of professionalism from a career in the civil service as well as a cheery disposition, and she will be irreplaceable. She will be missed especially by her friends in the money-counting team. Thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Those parishioners who are members of the Gift Aid scheme and who pay the offertory by envelope can collect the new envelopes for the tax year beginning 7th April from the back of the church. Thank you to everyone who is a member of the scheme whether you pay by envelope or directly to the bank. If you are not a member, but are a UK Taxpayer, please consider joining. It costs you nothing but the church can receive an additional 25% of the monies you give in your offertory collection back from HMRC. All you need to do is complete a form, there are no questions about your income. If you would like to speak to someone about this please contact the parish office and one of our Gift Aid Administrators will contact you.

### BISHOP TOAL'S EASTER MESSAGE – 2024.

I wish everyone a very Happy Easter and pray for the blessing of the Risen Lord upon us all and our world. We pray especially that the peace offered by Christ as he appeared to his disciples at Easter may reign everywhere, especially among the peoples of his own land. May new hope spring up, even among the debris of war and the awful reality of human suffering and death.

The Wellspring Project, which I recently initiated in our Diocese, seeks to encourage a new vision and a desire for growth and participation in the life and mission of the Church here in Motherwell. The Scriptures frequently use the image of water and the new growth it brings. The Easter Liturgies highlight water also, and invite us to renew our baptismal promises, revived in the new life in the Spirit poured out upon us in the Sacraments. The Wellspring Project invites our parishes in particular to respond with fervour to our baptismal calling, and to continue to celebrate our faith and to form communities of faith, hope, and love in the great mission entrusted to us by the Lord Jesus. The joy and enthusiasm of Easter does offer an opportunity to welcome and promote participation in our Parish and Diocesan Life. Easter is the time for new beginnings and fresh hope, trusting in the Lord's abiding presence and the gift of the Holy Spirit. This Easter I ask for your support, and especially your prayers, for the Wellspring Project, as we all strive to serve the Lord with thanksgiving in our hearts and fresh vigour in our actions.

With renewed Easter greetings, Yours in Christ, + Joseph Toal

### THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE TRIDUUM CELEBRATION SO SPECIAL!

Very many thanks to all parishioners who made the celebration of the Triduum—the heart of the Church's year—so special in both churches. The churches were gleaming as always; the flower displays were stunning; and the music was so uplifting and of the highest quality. Thanks also to servers, readers, children's liturgy, passkeepers, welcome ministers and to everyone who contributed in any way. What a wonderful parish we have!

**WEE BOX, BIG THANKS.** Thank you all so much for your support of SCIAF's WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Lenten appeal for girls and women in Rwanda. Please return your WEE BOXES as soon as you can. You can also donate to SCIAF by visiting [sciaf.org.uk/weebox](http://sciaf.org.uk/weebox) or by calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you, once again, for your wonderful generosity.

**FR STEPHEN HAS A NEW JOB!** The Bishop has appointed Fr Stephen as Vicar Episcopal for Youth Ministry and, as such, he will take on the role of Mission Leader for Youth in the Wellspring Project.

### HCPT LOURDES TRUST MASS LIVESTREAM

The Trust Mass, which is the highlight of the HCPT week in Lourdes, takes place on Thursday 4th April at 9am UK time. You may know that this year the Scottish region has chosen the theme ("Let Your Light Shine") and will be in charge of all the Masses and services for the whole Trust. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Lourdes sanctuary YouTube channel at [youtube.com/@LeSanctuaireNotreDamedeLourdes](http://youtube.com/@LeSanctuaireNotreDamedeLourdes), and on Facebook at [facebook.com/sanctuairedelourdes](http://facebook.com/sanctuairedelourdes).

### FREE PARISH WELLBEING SESSIONS FOR CARERS AND ALL PARISHIONERS

In response to the School of Prayer sessions at Sunday Mass during Lent, one of our parishioners—who is a post-grad student based at the Glasgow Cognitive Therapy Centre—has very generously offered to run a series of free wellbeing sessions open to all parishioners, and particularly aimed at anyone who has a caring responsibility. It will offer a chance for people to share their experiences, talk about the challenges they face, learn some new coping strategies, and to fundamentally feel they are in a safe space with people that understand what they are going through.

There will be 4 sessions each lasting 2 hours, on a Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in St Mark's parish hall, on Thursdays 11th, 18th, 25th April and 2nd May. Please just come along with no obligation to see if it's for you, or contact Claire at [claire@thegctc.com](mailto:claire@thegctc.com)

**CARITAS CUP CONGRATULATIONS** Congratulations to the Trinity High School football team which won the Caritas Cup 2024 after defeating St Margaret's Airdrie in the final. All twelve Catholic high schools in the diocese participated. Throughout this tournament, Caritas pupils have advertised and organised games alongside fundraising for SCIAF. Well done to all.

### FOODBANK

This week we welcomed 86 people to our Foodbanks. Everyone left with a smile and a full bag.

We extend our thanks to the following people who support us on a regular basis: our Parishioners, The City Charitable Trust, The Gallagher Family, a local businessman, Le Sorelle and the many local residents who have donated. Thanks also to Brain at South Lanarkshire Council for all the help and guidance provided. We wish you all a peaceful Easter break.

### SEMINARIAN UPDATES

Christopher Fumage, one of the Motherwell seminarians at the Pontifical Scots College, Rome, is due to be ordained as a deacon by Bishop Toal in St Paul's Basilica in Rome on 13th April. Christopher Igwe, also a seminarian for our diocese, will receive the Ministry of Acolyte at St Mary's, Oscott on Tuesday April 23rd with Bishop William Kenny as celebrant. Both will also be travelling to Lourdes this week with HCPT. Please pray for these young men as they continue to discern God's will in their life.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO IONA.** We are working towards : a 3-day pilgrimage to Iona in the summer or autumn: watch this space!

**QR CODE FOR PARISH GIVING** If parishioners or visitors would prefer to use their mobile phones to make a donation at Sunday Mass, then please feel free to use the QR code.

